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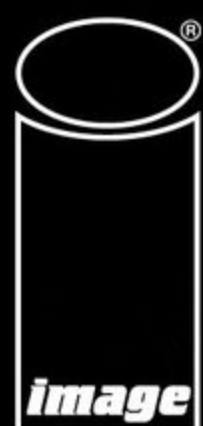
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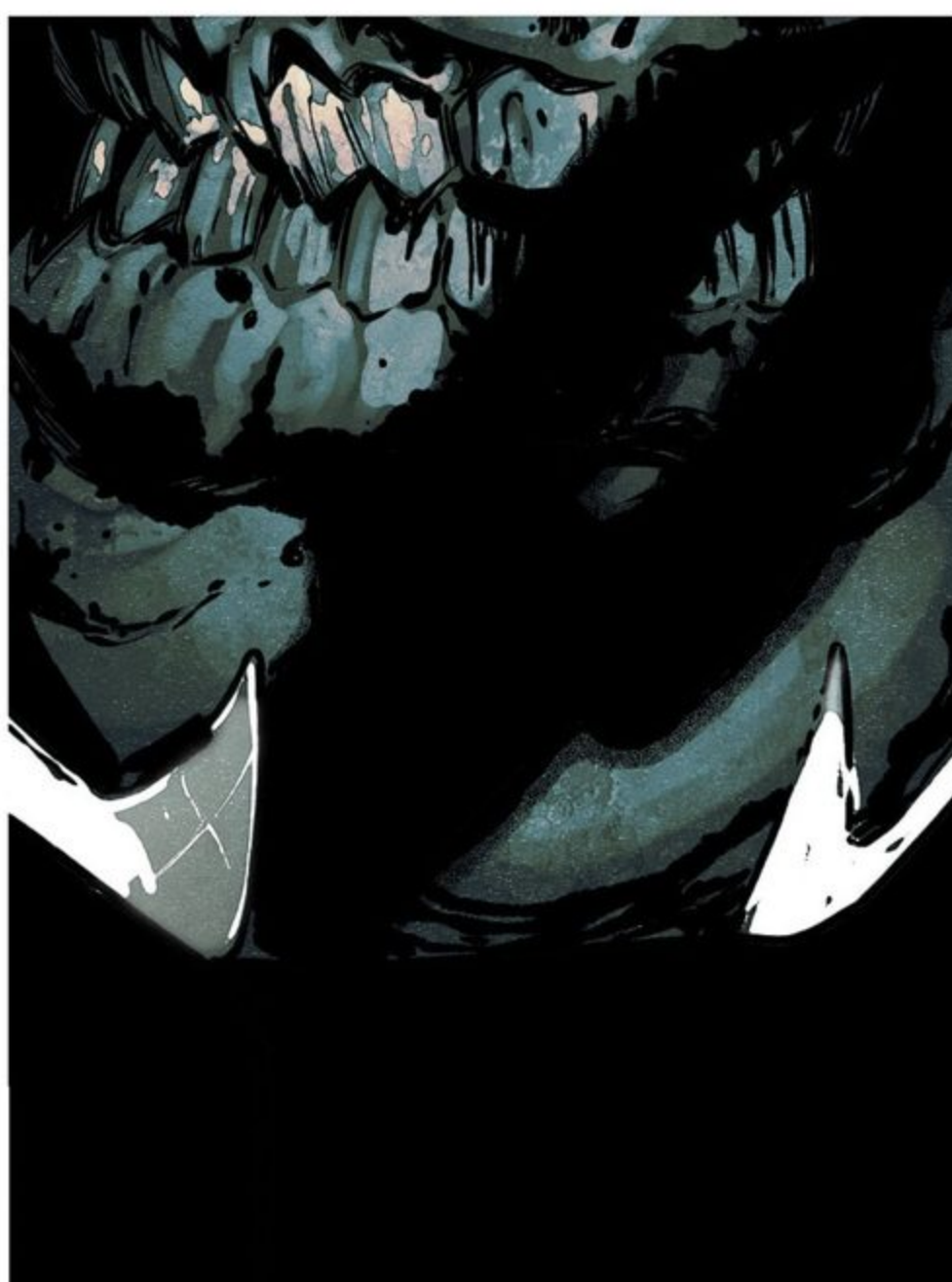
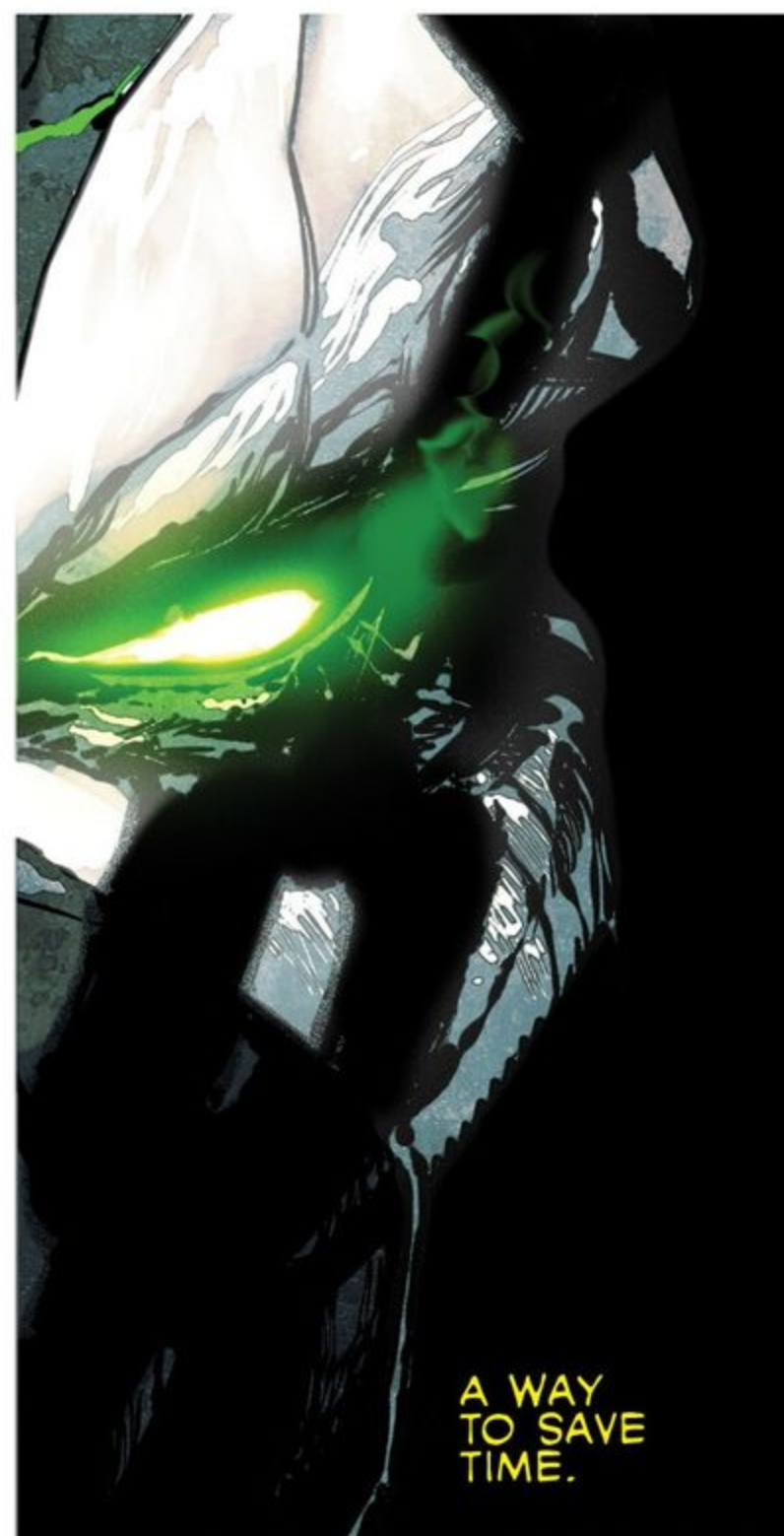
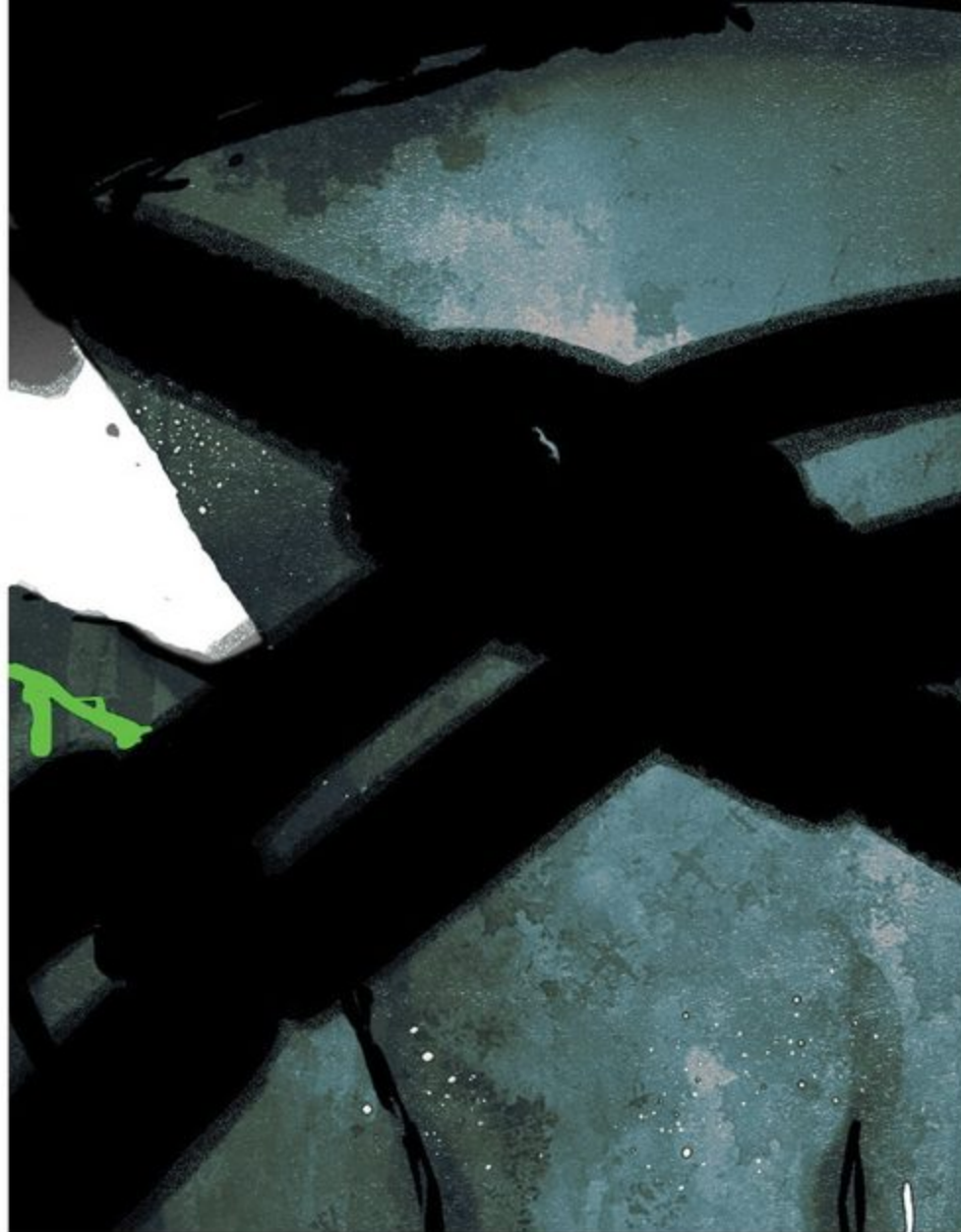
SPAWN CREATED BY
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PREVIOUSLY IN *KING SPAWN*

Spawn is approaching the end of his deadly journey through the forbidden lands of Hell itself.



IT WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE A SIMPLE
'SHORTCUT'.



THAT WAS TO BATTLE
HIMSELF!

HE TRIED TO IGNORE IT
AT FIRST, WHEN HIS CAPE
SNAPPED **UNPROVOKED** AT
NOTHING. A SECTION OF HIS
CHAIN SOON FOLLOWED.

IT LASTED JUST A BRIEF
MOMENT, NOT LONG ENOUGH
TO DRAW ATTENTION TO
IT--THAT WAS A MISTAKE.

BECAUSE OUT OF
NOWHERE HIS ENTIRE
SYMBIOTE BEGAN
TO BETRAY HIM.

THE MORE
IT FOUGHT
BACK.

AND THE
MORE HE
FOUGHT IT.

PULLING AWAY FROM SPAWN LIKE
A PACK OF RABID **ANIMALS**
THIRSTING TO BE LET LOOSE.



HAVING RETURNED TO HELL THE SYMBIOTE IS REVERTING TO ITS OLD HABITS.

BUT LIKE ANY SPECIES, IT TOO HAS TO KNOW WHO THE 'ALPHA' IS.

I'M YOUR
MASTER!!



THE COSTUME OBEYS.



FOR NOW.



BUT FROM HERE
ON OUT, SPAWN'S
ATTENTION WILL BE
COMPROMISED.

SPLIT BETWEEN TRAVERSING
THE "FORBIDDEN LANDS"
AND KEEPING HIS OWN
PERSONA IN CHECK.



AND THOUGH BEING
A HELLSPAWN
MEANS THEY DON'T
REQUIRE SLEEP...

...THE CONSTANT BARRAGE
OF THREATS, WHILE DRAGGING
A FIFTY TON CARCASS OVER
COUNTLESS MILES, HAS TAKEN
ITS TOLL ON THIS HELLSPAWN.*



*LAST ISSUE -- THOMAS



HE'D LIKE TO
STOP, REST FOR
JUST A MINUTE.

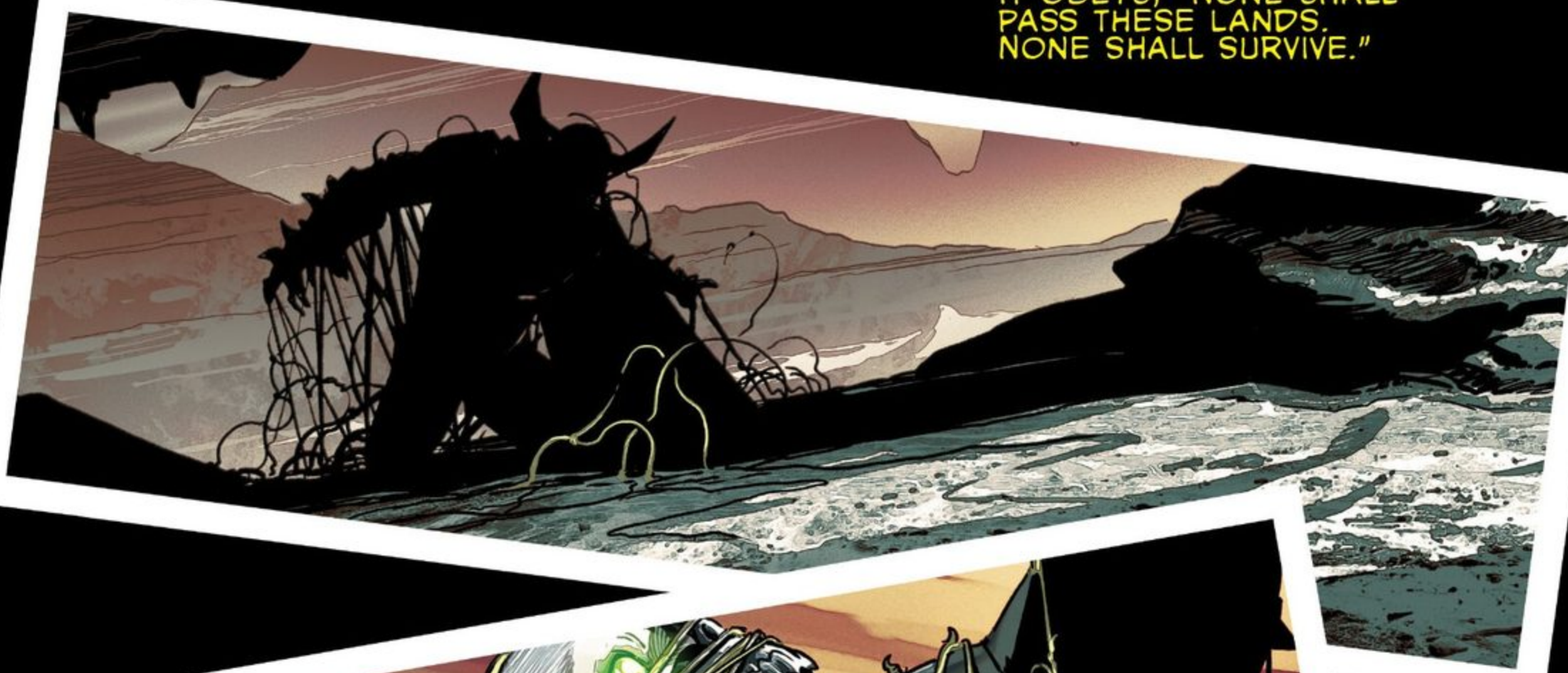


BUT HE CAN'T.
HELL WON'T
LET HIM.



IT MATTERS NOT THAT
IF SPAWN CAN'T GET
TO HELL'S THRONE
BEFORE ONE OF HIS
ENEMIES, THEN THIS
ENTIRE REALM IS AT
RISK OF EXTINCTION.

THERE'S ONLY ONE LAW
IT OBEYS; "NONE SHALL
PASS THESE LANDS.
NONE SHALL SURVIVE."



A LAW IT
INTENDS TO
ENFORCE.



AND IF THE SOIL ITSELF
MUST DROWN AND DEVOUR
HELL'S ONLY POSSIBLE
SAVIOR, THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT IT WILL DO.

LIKE CANCER, ITS WILLING
TO KILL ITS HOST, EVEN IF
IT MEANS IT WILL DIE TOO.



THAT'S THE SICK AND
TWISTED LEGACY OF
CERTAIN PARTS OF HELL,
WHERE ITS OVERRIDING
NEED **TO DESTROY**
SUPERSEDES ALL ELSE.



SO, IT HAS NO
QUALM KILLING
ONE OF ITS OWN.



UNLESS THE THING
IT WANTS TO KILL...

...FIGHTS
BACK.



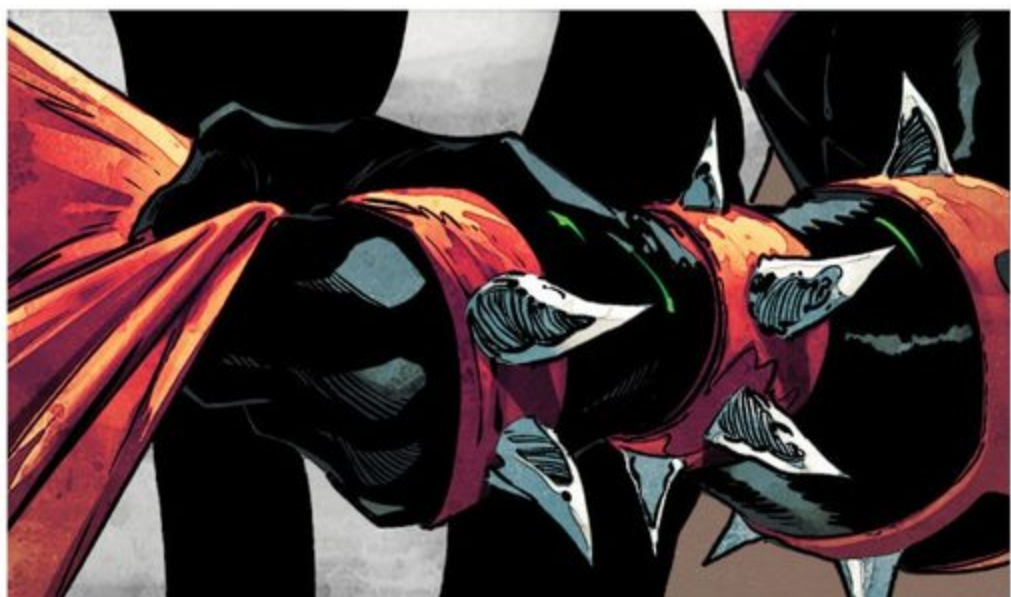
AND SPAWN FINALLY REALIZES
WHY HE'S BEEN ATTACKED SO
MANY TIMES; IT'S NOT THAT
THEY KEEP FINDING HIM...



...IT WAS
BECAUSE
HE'D BEEN
LEADING
THEM TO
HIMSELF.



HIS EYES
HAD BECOME
A BEACON
FOR THEM
TO FOLLOW.

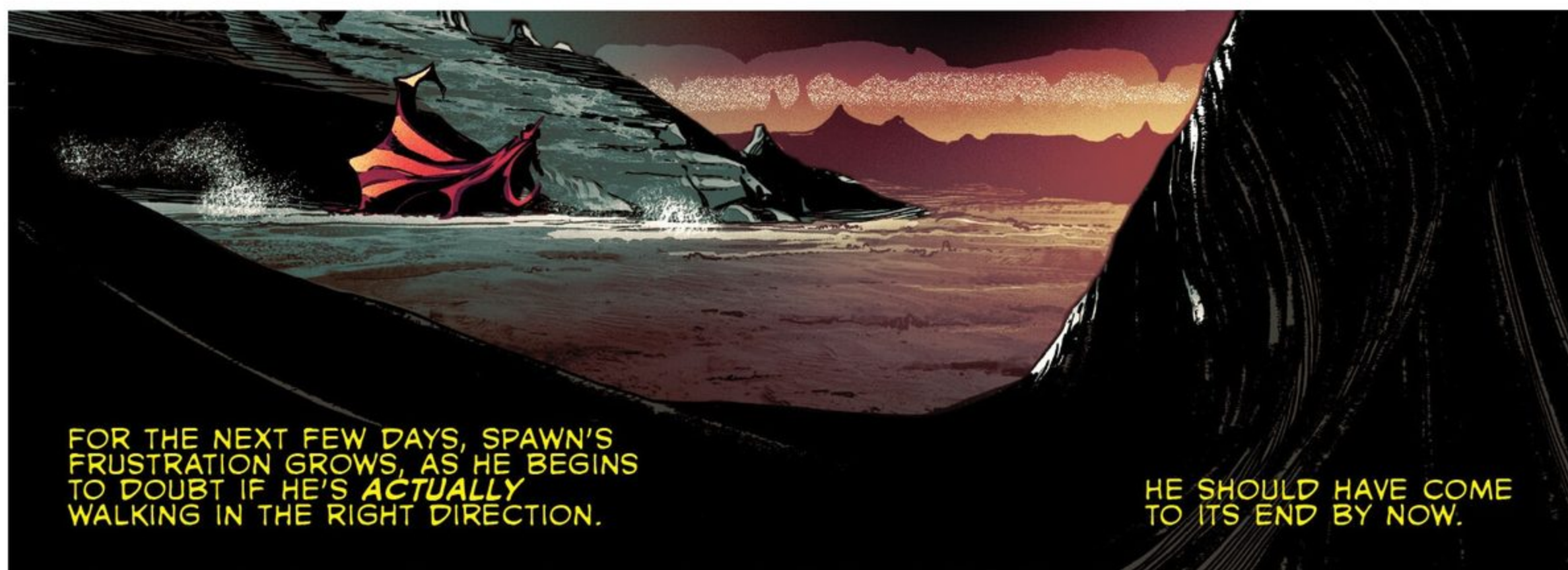


SO, IF LIGHT IS
THE ENEMY OF
DARKNESS...

...THEN REMOVE
THE ENEMY.



SHOW THEM
YOU **EMBRACE**
NAVIGATING IN
DARKNESS.

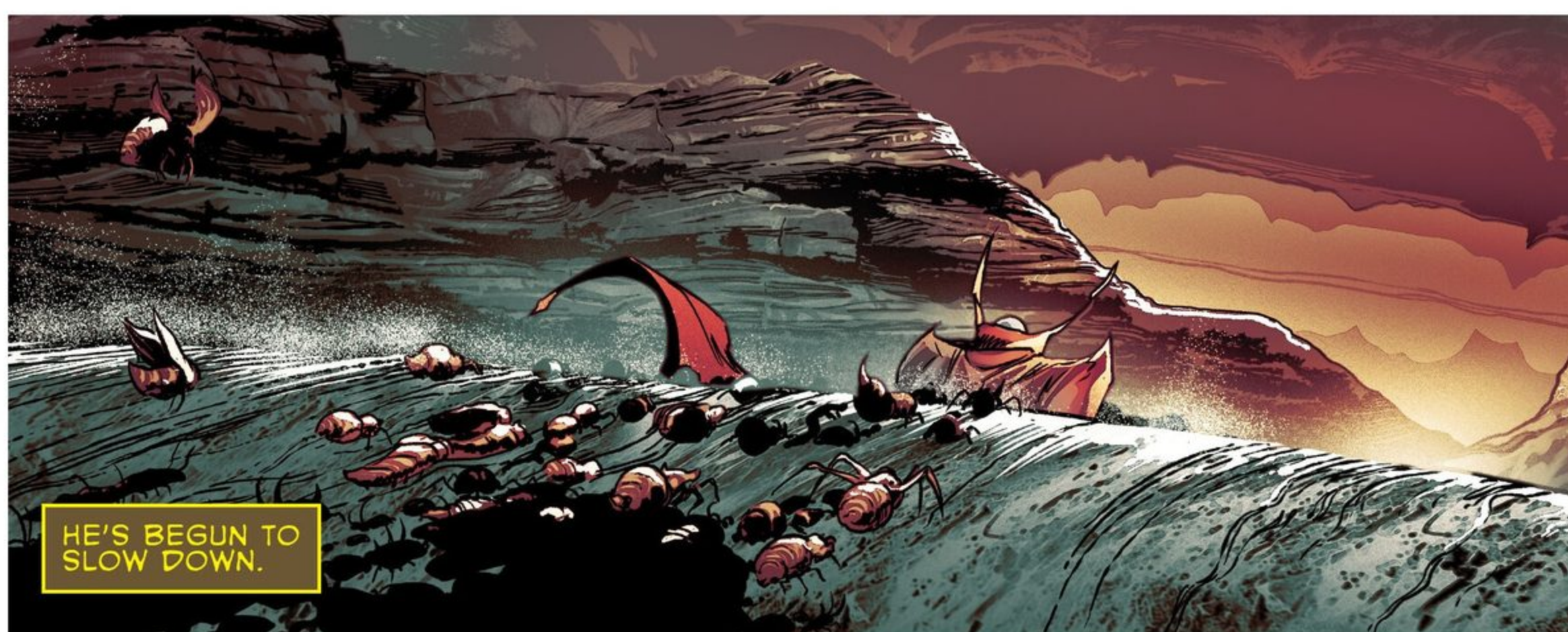


FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS, SPAWN'S FRUSTRATION GROWS, AS HE BEGINS TO DOUBT IF HE'S **ACTUALLY** WALKING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

HE SHOULD HAVE COME TO ITS END BY NOW.



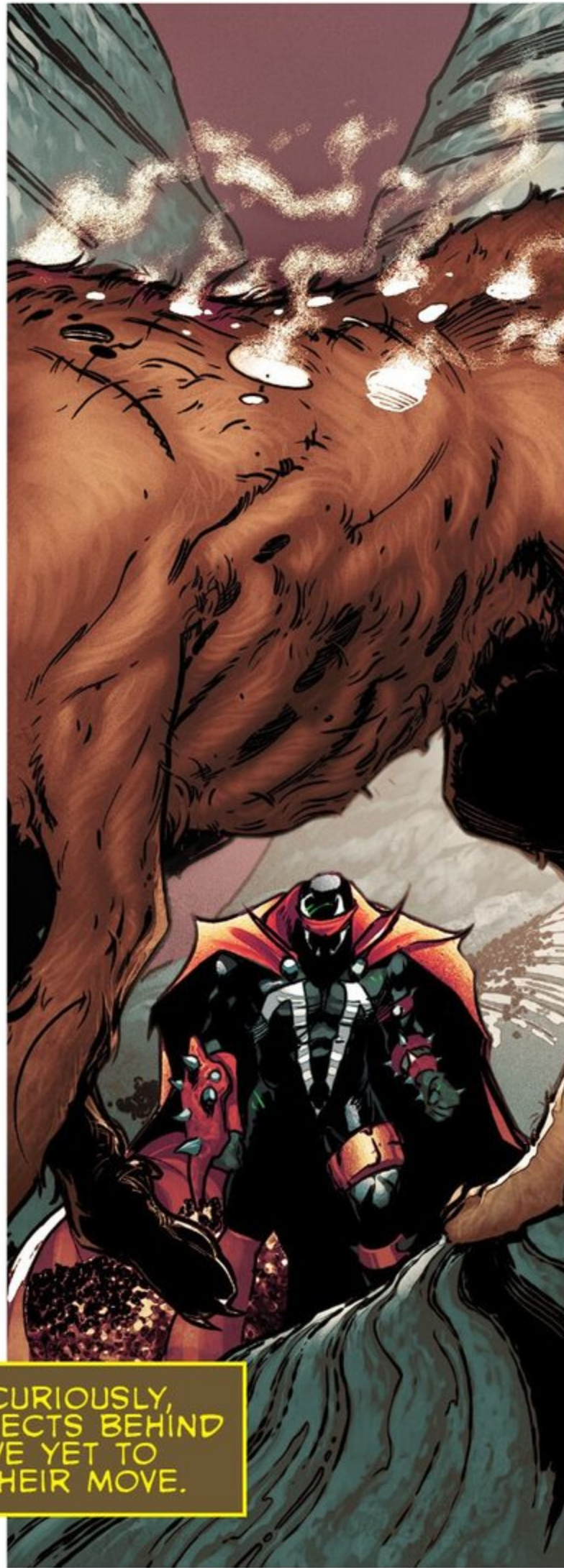
BUT IT'S THE PACE OF HIS STRIDES THAT'S FRUSTRATING HIM MOST.



HE'S BEGUN TO SLOW DOWN.



EVEN THOUGH HE'S BEING FOLLOWED ONCE AGAIN.



DARK FORCES AREN'T EXCLUSIVE TO THIS REALM; MANY OTHER FACTIONS HAVE **WAITED** CENTURIES FOR A SAVIOR TO COME.

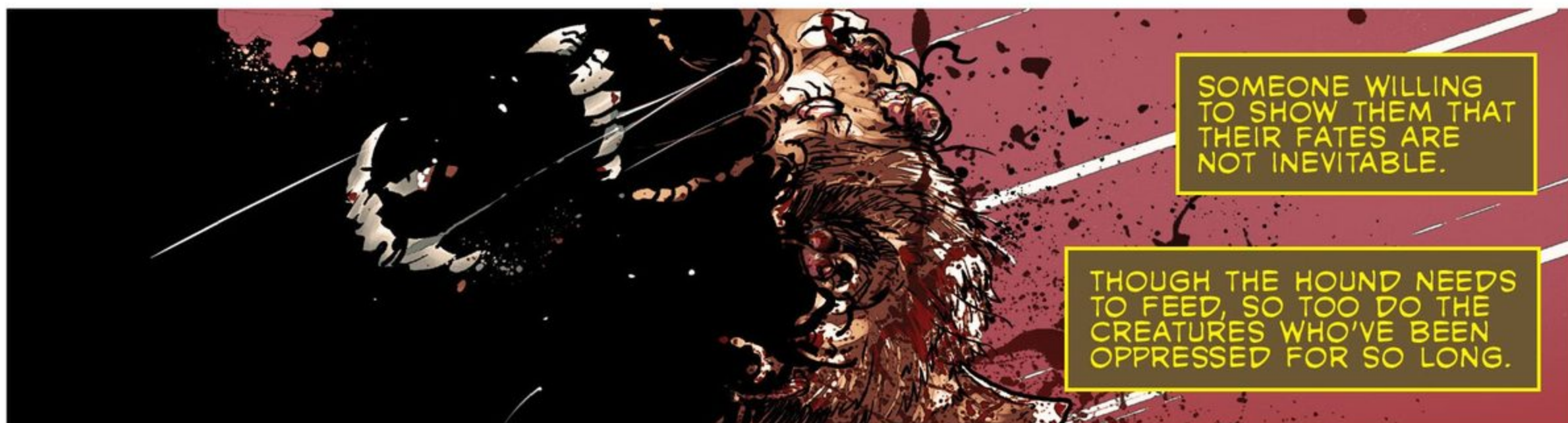


SOMEONE WILLING TO STAND UP TO THE RULING POWERS HERE.



SOMEONE WILLING TO SHOW THEM THAT THEIR FATES ARE NOT INEVITABLE.

THOUGH THE HOUND NEEDS TO FEED, SO TOO DO THE CREATURES WHO'VE BEEN OPPRESSED FOR SO LONG.

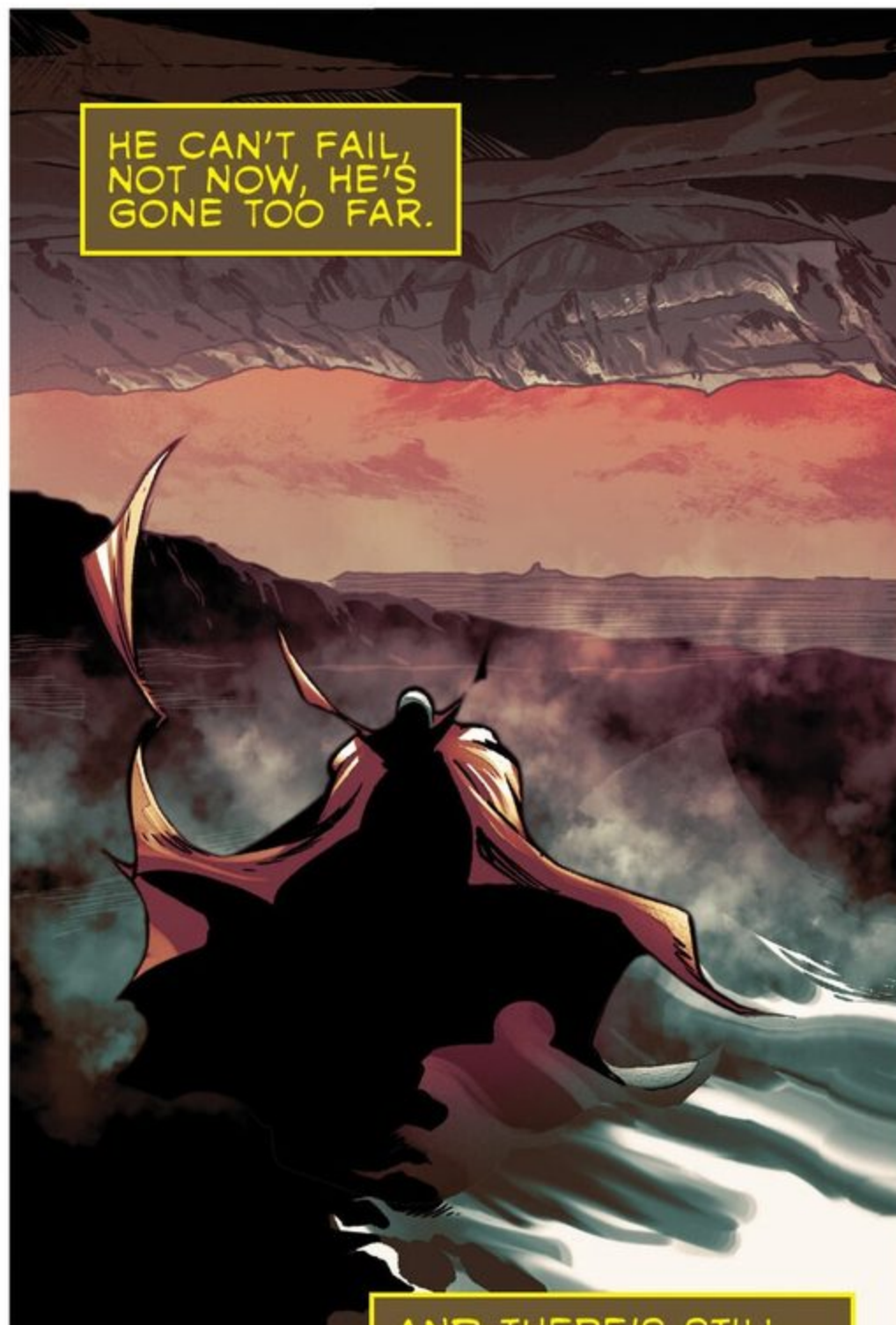


BECAUSE THIS **SAVIOR** MUST PASS.





THE QUEST OF
THEIR LORD
MUST CONTINUE.

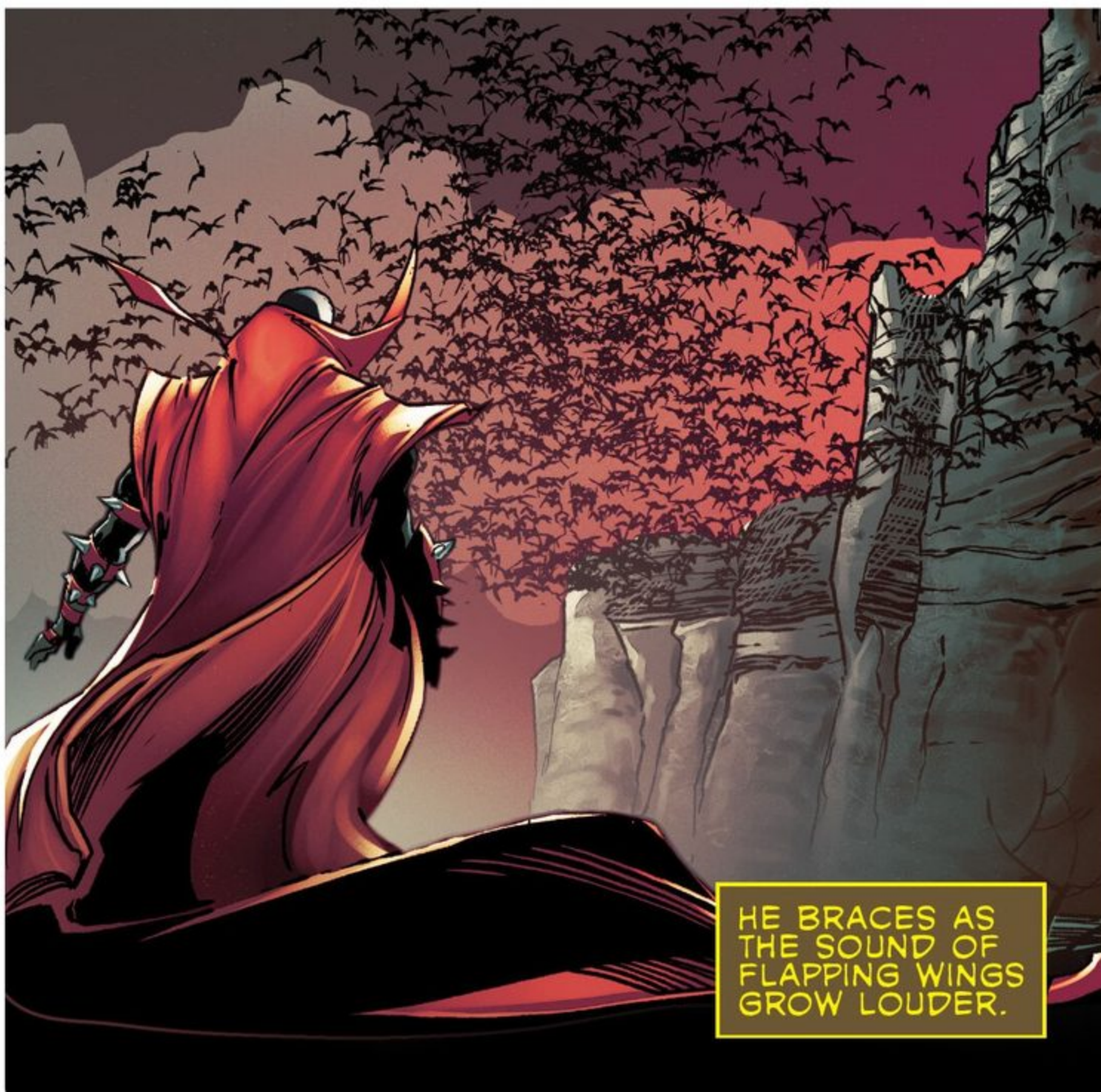


HE CAN'T FAIL,
NOT NOW, HE'S
GONE TOO FAR.

AND THERE'S STILL
TOO MUCH AT STAKE.



REGARDLESS
OF WHO OR
WHAT MAY WANT
HIM STOPPED.



HE BRACES AS
THE SOUND OF
FLAPPING WINGS
GROW LOUDER.

SHRIEKS ECHO ACROSS THE MORBID LANDSCAPES, PERHAPS **ALERTING** OTHERS TO THE HELLSPAWN'S POSITION.



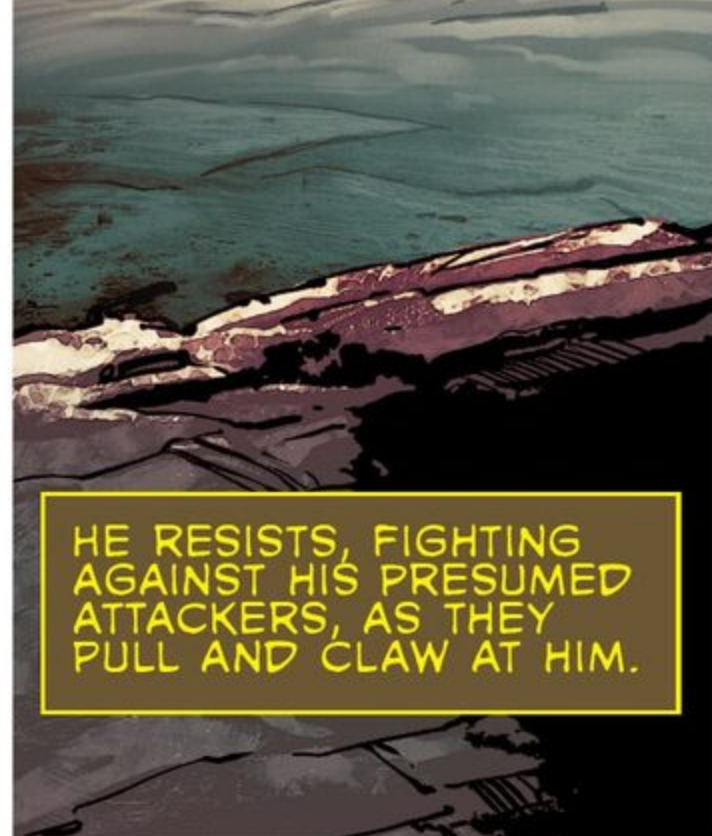
THEIR INTERNAL RADARS GUIDING THEM AS THEY ASCEND UPON THEIR TARGET.



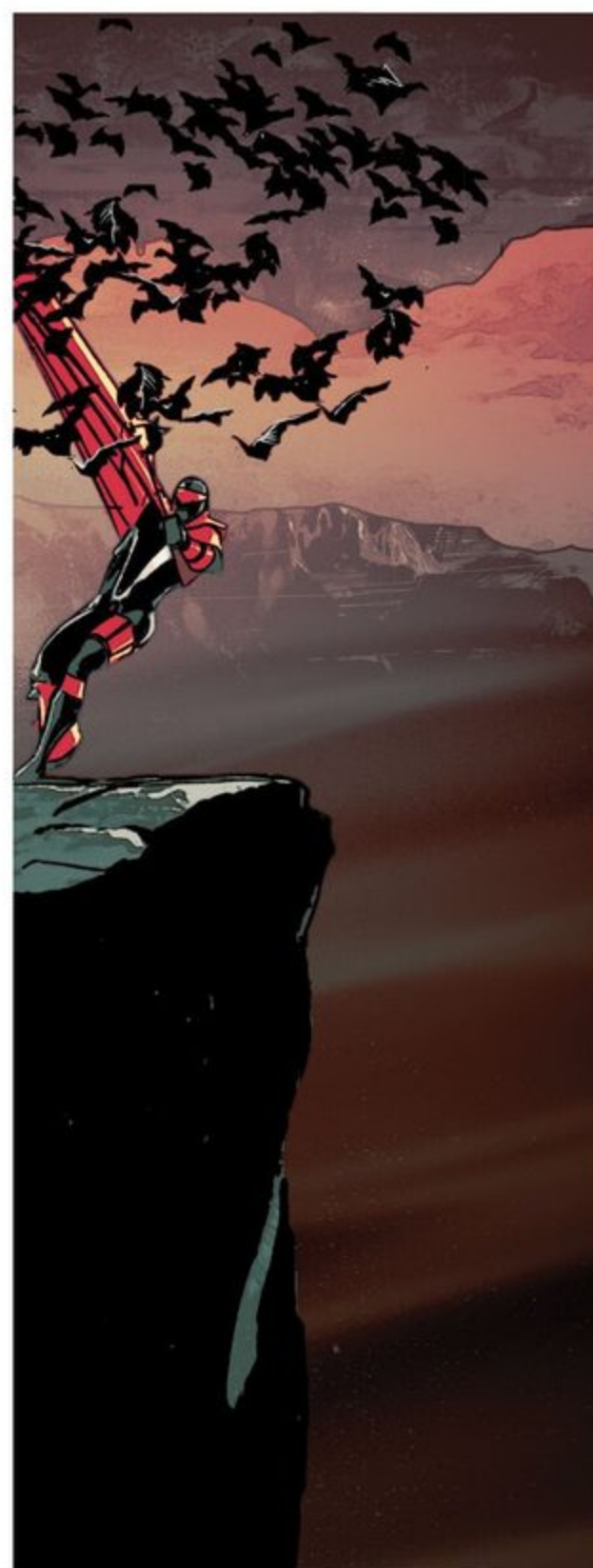
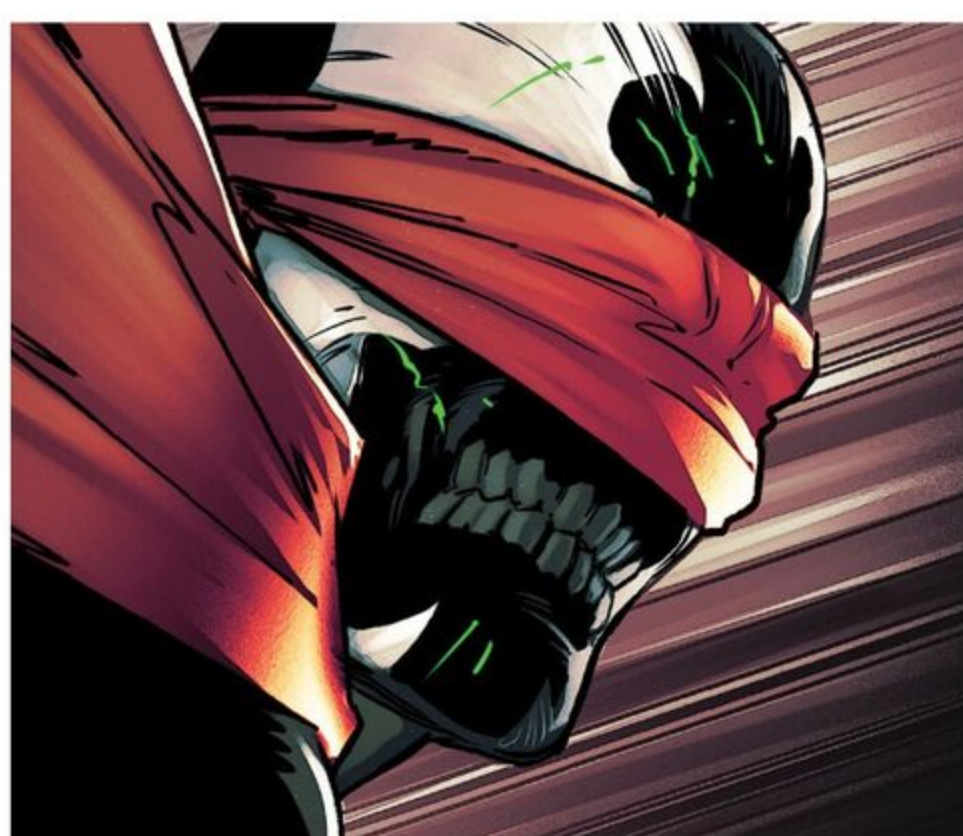
THE BATS TRY BLOCKING HIS PATH, AT FIRST.



THEY DIDN'T COME TO ATTACK HIM...

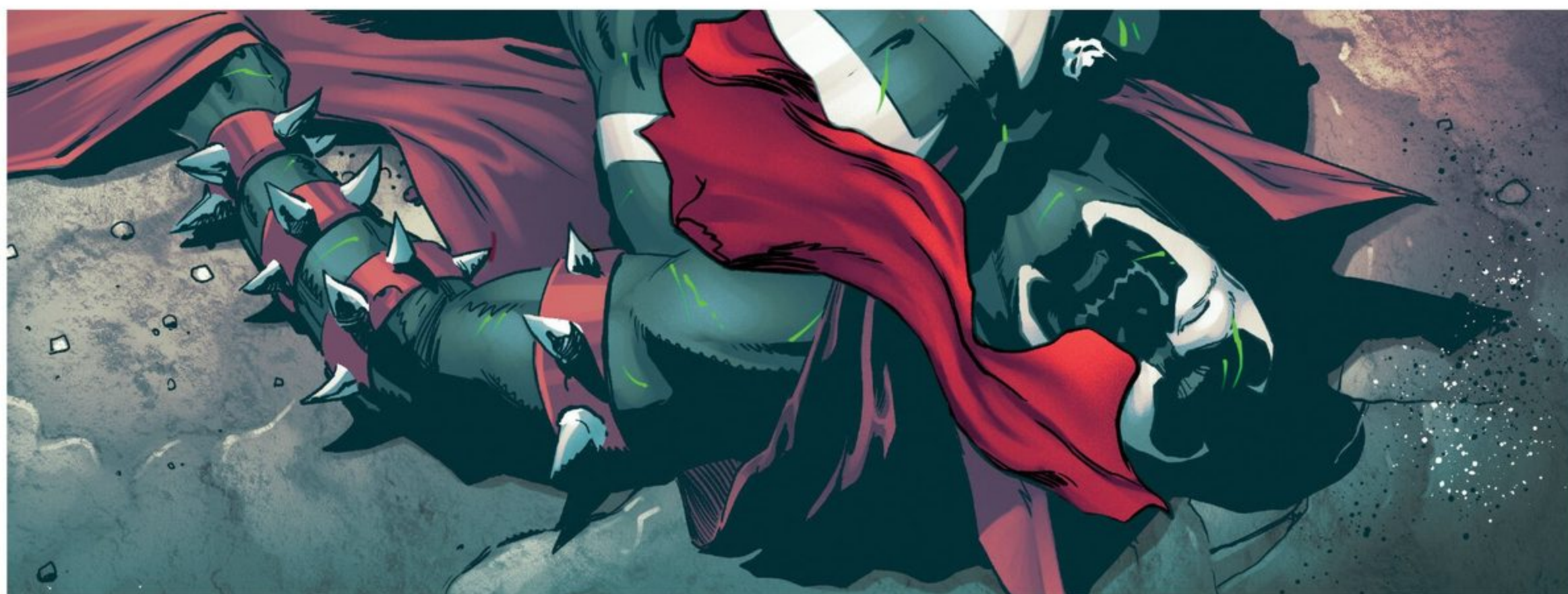


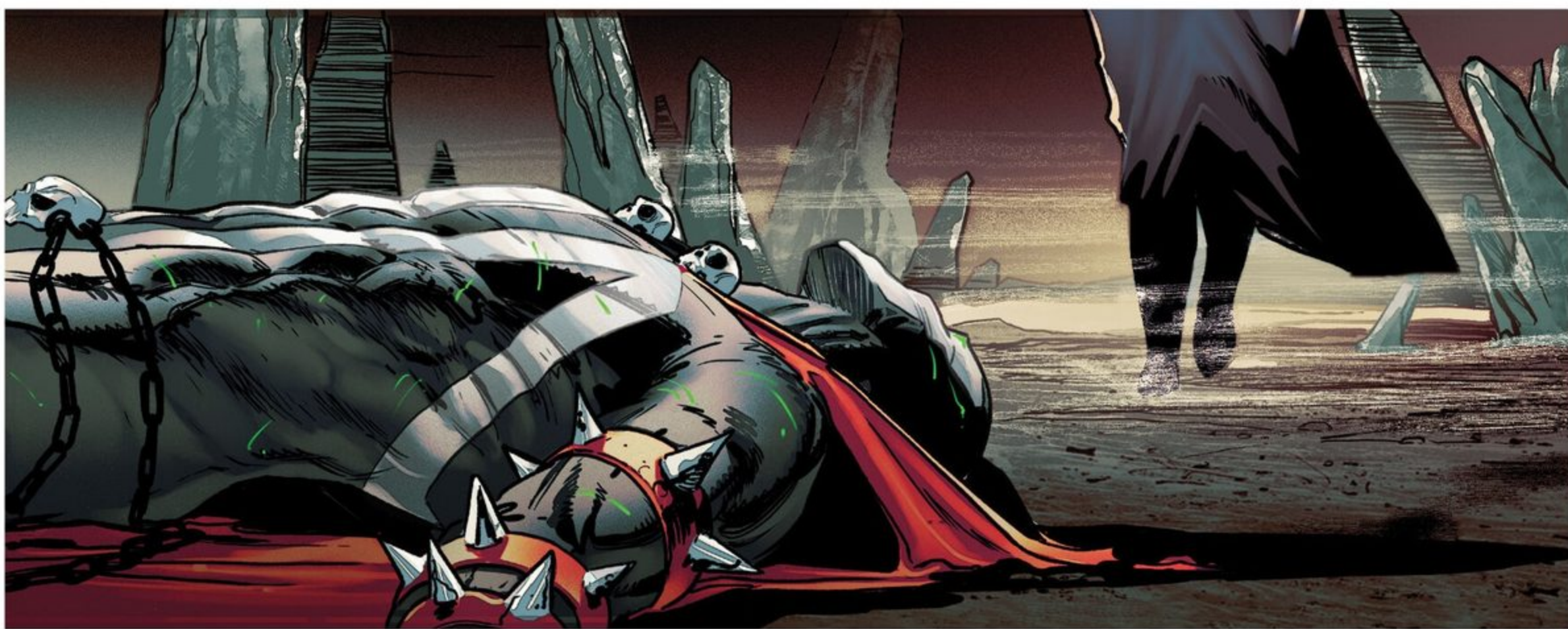
HE RESISTS, FIGHTING AGAINST HIS PRESUMED ATTACKERS, AS THEY PULL AND CLAW AT HIM.





THEY CAME TRYING TO
SAVE HIM!







YOU'VE
EARNED
YOUR MOMENT
OF PEACE,
SWEET-
HEART.

IT'S MY
TURN TO
HELP.

THE BODY
COMPOSITION OF
EVERY HELLSPAWN
DIFFERS SIGNIFICANTLY
FROM THAT OF HUMANS.
THEIR TISSUE AND
SKELETAL MAKE-UP,
COMBINED WITH
THEIR SYMBIOTE
HOST, CREATE A
DENSITY **UNKNOWN**
TO SCIENCE.

SO, EACH OF THEM
WEIGHS IN **EXCESS**
OF 600 POUNDS.

AND YET, LIKE A
MOTHER WITH HER
BABY, WANDA
EFFORTLESSLY
LIFTS THIS SPAWN.
WALKING IN THE
SAME DIRECTION
HER EX-HUSBAND
HAS BEEN HEADING.

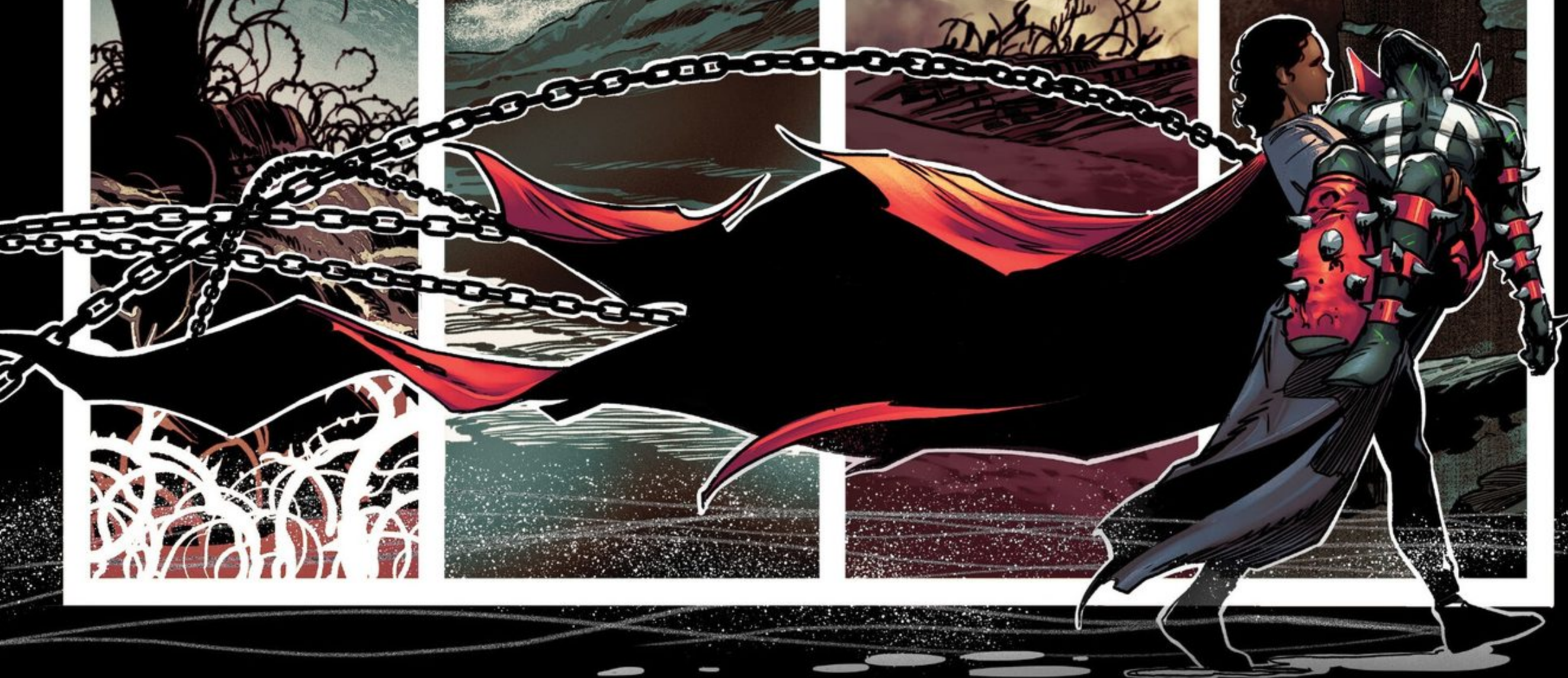


SHE **WON'T**
LEAVE HIM HERE;
THIS CAN'T BE
HIS FINAL
RESTING PLACE.

THERE IS STILL
TOO MUCH
GOOD FOR HIM
TO ACCOMPLISH.
STILL SO MANY
PEOPLE THAT
NEED HIS HELP.

HE CAN'T
ABANDON
THEM.

SO, SHE WALKS
HOUR AFTER
HOUR. DAY
AFTER DAY.



IN TIME,
THOUGH,
HAVING
TESTED HER
OWN LIMITS,
EVEN SHE
MUST REST.





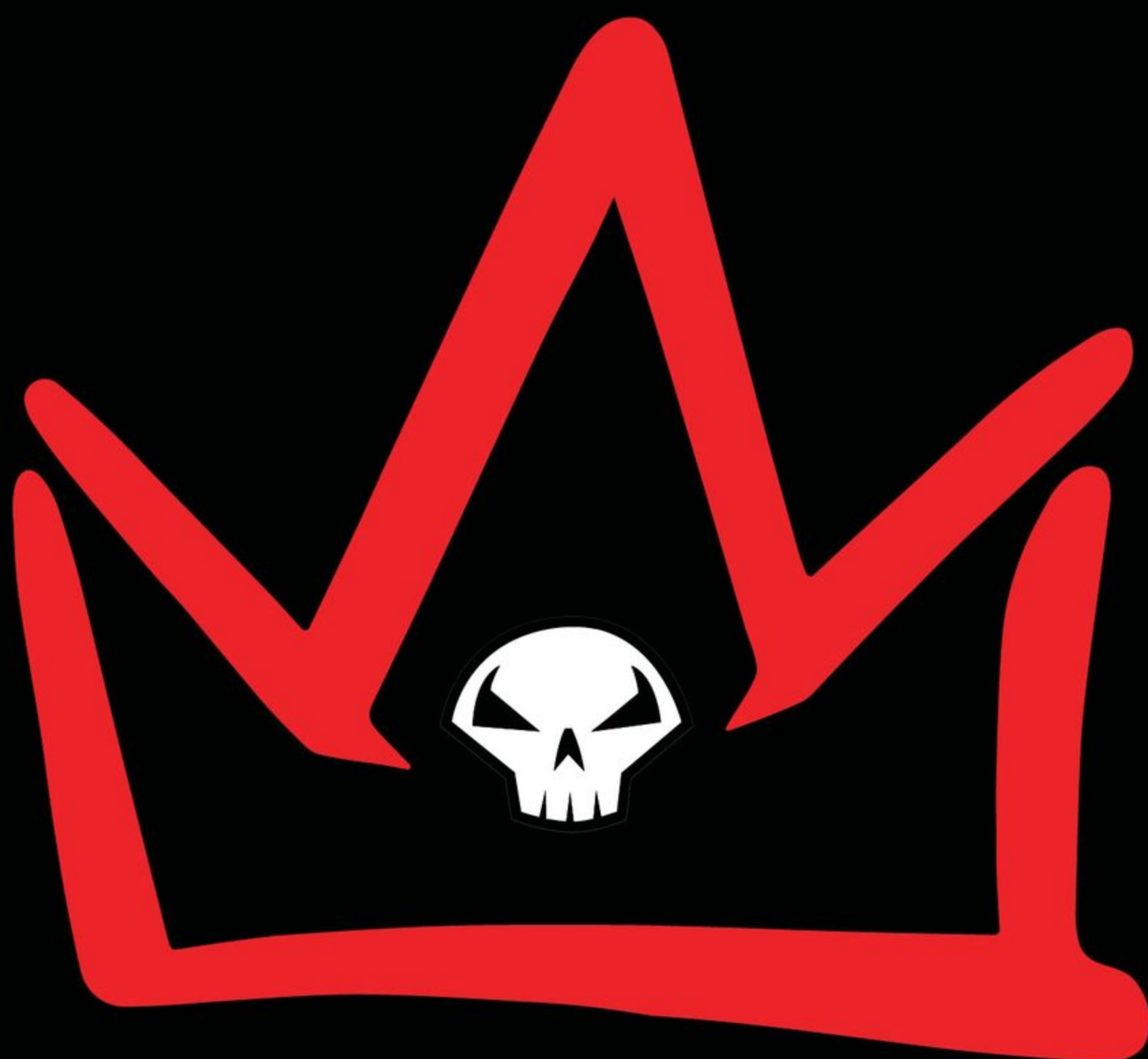
SHE FIGHTS THE URGE TO CLOSE HER EYES, THINKING THEY'LL BE EXPOSED. EASY TARGETS.



IF SHE GIVES IN TO HER OWN NEEDS, SHE'LL HAVE FAILED IN HER MISSION.

WHO WILL PROTECT THEM, IF SHE SLEEPS?





SPAWNING GROUND

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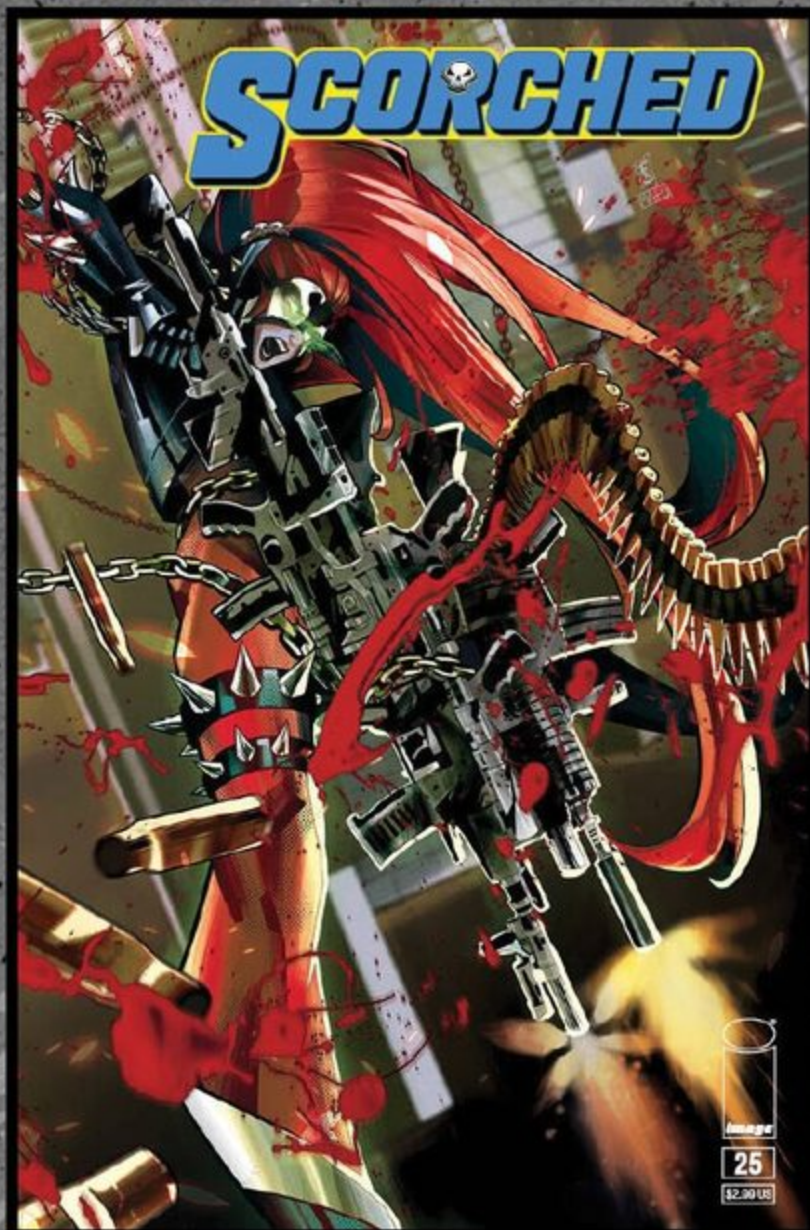
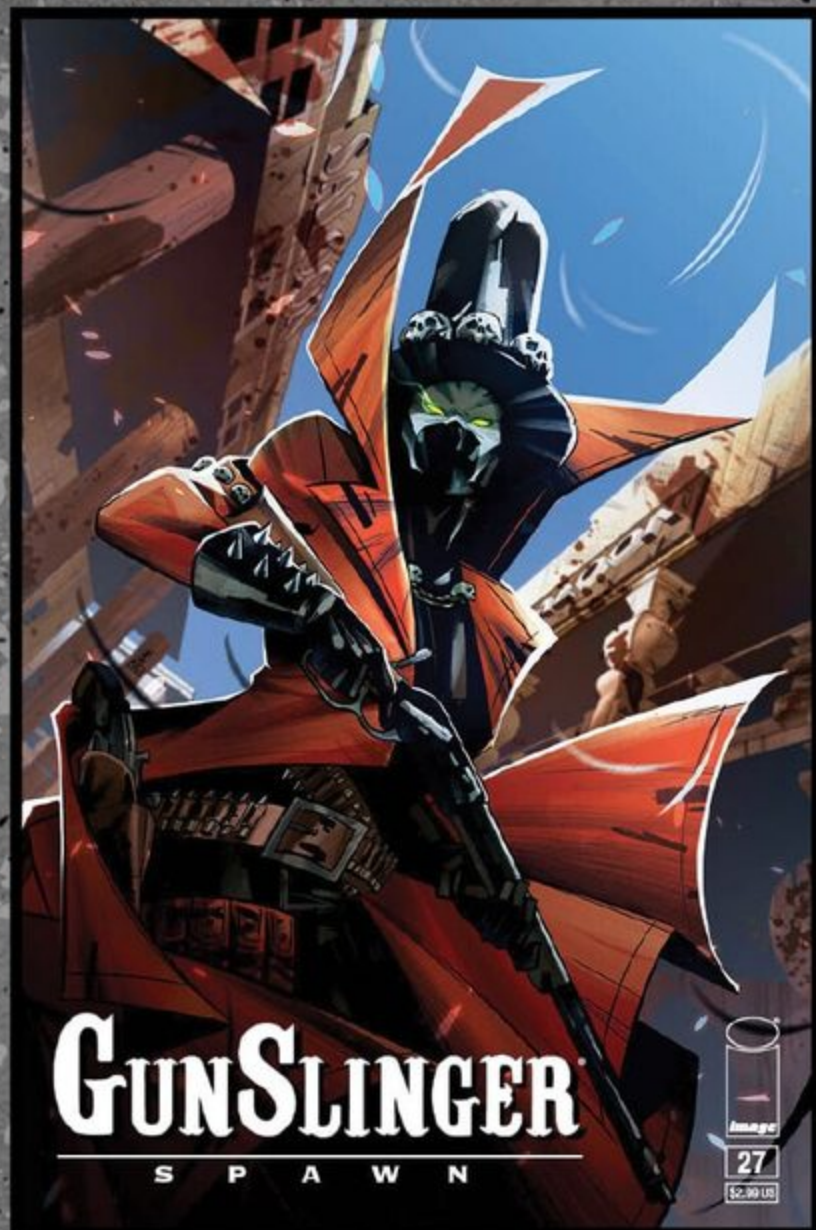
DON'T MISS THESE ONGOING TITLES!

SPAWN

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SPAWN**

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THEMSELVES IN OUR FLESH...

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